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Dear Dr. Henney,

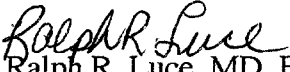
I urge the FDA to follow the European Union's ban on all animal growth-promoting uses of antibiotics which are used in human medicine.

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has judged the EU's actions to be based on sound science. They have no shortage of scientific information on which to base this judgment. It is clear that some of the frightening increase in antibiotic resistance is related to the use for growth promotion of some 7 antibiotics which are used to treat human illness.

I am aware that this will not be easy, but it is not easy, and sometimes it is impossible, to treat patients with organisms which are totally resistant to our present antibiotics.

As noted in the Winter Edition of "Nucleus", Sweden and Denmark have been able to reduce or eliminate the use of this type of growth promotion. Surely we can do it here as well.

Sincerely,

  
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